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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: PACKAGE FOR A PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT AND METHOD
OF STERILIZING THE PACKAGE

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of May 30, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 30, 2003. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$930 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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Respectfully submitted,



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